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POWERS' GRAND.
 FRIDAY AND SATURDAY—Dan Sully
 THE GRAND.

ALL WEEK—Under the Lion's Paw
 SMITH'S.

ALL WEEK—Vaudeville

WEATHER.
 WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—For Lower Michigan—Occasional snow; easterly winds; warmer in south portion of Lower Michigan.

FIFTH DISTRICT SLATE.
 Now that the smoke of battle is lifted and the surface of democracy is calm and untroubled, the local democrats are beginning to cast about to learn how the offices in the fifth district are to be distributed. At the very threshold of the fight and scramble the party from the Hon. I. M. Weston is encountered. What will Dickinson do with him? He already holds an office. His friends say that he is satisfied with that honor and will seek no further distinction. It is hardly hinted that Don M. is not inclined to lean on Isaac M. It is believed that he is prepared to shift his political confidences to a more popular and less erratic democrat. If this be true, then the Hon. Edwin F. Uhl will be his mainstay in this district. Such a change would leave Mr. Weston with his present office and his newspaper. Perhaps that is enough for one man to carry. With this rumored change in lieutenant comes another rumor as to the probable appointees. The slate made by the new combination and made public through a prominent democrat is as follows:

Collector of customs, Dudley O. Watson.
 Surveyor of customs, Charles H. Bender.
 Collector of internal revenue, William B. Weston.
 United States attorney, John S. Lawrence.

Postmaster, Thomas F. Carroll.
 United States marshal, J. F. Harvey.

There are other names mentioned in connection with the attorneyship and marshalship, but this is believed to be a correct list of the names now under consideration. It is believed that Cleveland will ignore the rule he established eight years ago, under which republican incumbents were permitted to serve out their terms, and proceed at once to fill the offices with democrats. If this shall prove to be true it will send rejoicing to the eagerly expectant "outs."

BROKEN AND FORGOTTEN.
 That there is a deep feeling of hostility among the farmers toward Governor Luce's senatorial aspirations, brought about through the interference of his millionaire backers, must be painfully apparent to so shrewd a campaigner as he. It is noticeable, indeed, that the hand-wagon blare with which his campaign was ushered in, has been quieted to a pathetic blast. There is no "ginger" to the boom. As a plain matter of fact, it is hopelessly collapsed just at a time when it should be most buoyant and instinct with energy. The local bureau under the management of "Me and Pa" and the two amiable private secretaries, is so lonesome and deserted that the mice in an adjoining cracker factory have sought another boarding place. The countenances of the roomers wear late spring expressions. The failure of the boom is marked in every passing incident. Here and there a struggling legislator writes to learn the situation, but the postage department of the bureau is protected pending the gathering at Lansing next week. Then the notes will be counted. Every nose with a wart on it will be counted as two. Even with such a duplication on the books of the bureau the most that can be figured out is a respectable minority. The boomers, however, still cling to a forlorn hope. They talk mysteriously of something unexpected. The lugubrious ones are inclined to give up, but the others insist upon hanging on by the eyelids until they are crowded out entirely. They are too proud to admit that they are lagging a boom the opposite sides of which flop together making doleful echoes of a coming catastrophe, which are singularly significant of "Mene, Mene Tekel Ubanah." Yet there is every reason to believe that when the forces are marshaled a feat will be made to work a surprise—and if such be the outcome, the words will be full of "I told you so."

STRIKE AT HILL.
 Grover has grown to be garrulous. He talks too much. It is not so much what he says as the manner he has of saying it that leads to this conclusion. He has pulled his political string to its utmost length and he has no fear of the consequences resulting from undisciplined freedom of speech. He does not want Mr. Murphy to be elected senator from New York to succeed Hancock. He says so much. He says that Ed Murphy doesn't know enough to fill so large a place. His mental equipment is deficient. His character is not above criticism. He is not a statesman. He is merely a rich politician, full of low cunning, and a subversive lack of spirit for the wily and unscrupulous Hill. Therefore, Grover is opposed to him. He has expressed himself in no unambiguous language to that effect in an interview sent out from New York. His open and vehement denunciation of Murphy transfixes the politicians with astonishment. The Tammany leaders, including Hill and Sheehan, were unwilling to say one word in reply. It was like an unexpected thunderclap in a quiet atmosphere. It has but one precedent in the history of American politics, when Buchanan requested that Forney be elected senator for Pennsylvania.

What its effect will be is a matter for doubt. Nobody seems to know what the Cleveland men will adopt to carry out the wishes of the chief. It is said that Whitney may be entered to defeat Murphy, but the more plausible solution is, that the real desire of Cleveland being to break Hill's hold on Tammany, the Cleveland men will concentrate on Brooke Crocker and throw down the gauntlet of battle on that score.

To be sure Crocker was the most uncompromising foe of Cleveland's in the Chicago convention, but Crocker and Crocker buried all animosities after the battle and went in to win. Hill sulked and remained distant to all overtures for peace made by the Cleveland men. He made a large Tammany contingent sour. This contingent will welcome an opportunity to break away from Hill to follow the federal offices. The odds are therefore against Murphy, even in his own household, but it is believed he will be elected in spite of Cleveland.

ONCE IN WHILE THE Chicago Herald is taken in on an article and invests it with all the seriousness of a solemn fact. In yesterday's issue it discussed Fred A. Baker's wild scheme to oust the five democrat electors and substitute republicans as if there was imminent probability that it would be done. The Herald's argument against the wisdom and constitutionality of such a measure is incisive and convincing, but it is unfortunate for The Herald that here in Michigan it will be looked upon as a joke.

THERE is something truly pathetic in the resignation of Warden Davis. For nearly two years he has pulled down the modest salary of his office with never a thought of the tremendous sacrifices to his personal interests. Now after justifying the state many dollars, and just on the eve of a transfer of the administration, he turns his back on the bright chances for a long continued tenure of office, and tearfully lays down his trust. This is enough to make angels weep.

YESTERDAY a Massachusetts bridegroom fainted twice at the altar. The bride wasn't to be hoodwinked by such foolery, so she revived him both times and made him go on with the ceremony. Men are too scarce in Massachusetts for a woman to take any chances.

MR. LEVI's suggestion, made to the charter amendment committee, that some restrictions be placed on itinerant merchants who come here to remain but a few days is a pat one. His remark that the poor buyer is invariably swindled is abundantly true.

SENATOR WASHBURN'S anti-option bill is at last before the senate for action. If it shall become a law the Chicago board of trade will probably proceed to ignore it with a zeal equal to the demand that the world's fair shall be closed on Sunday.

THROUGH the carelessness of the employees of both street car and railway, a horrible accident took place in Chicago yesterday. Not until the railway tracks are elevated above the grade at crossings will these awful murders be prevented.

MRS. POTTER PALMER is very, very angry because a lithograph of her sweet self adorns the calendar of a brewery. Mrs. Palmer ought rather to rejoice in the elevation of Chicago's art interests.

SAMUEL J. RANDALL left less than \$500 according to the final accounting of his estate. No higher tribute could be paid to Mr. Randall's honesty and his unwavering devotion to his constituents.

PETER BUTTER of Des Moines strangled his wife until he was dead, and then beat out her brains with a hammer. When an Iowa man undertakes to do anything, he does it for keeps.

MRS. MARY A. LIVERMORE says the parochial school question threatens the destruction of the republic. A republic that can withstand Mary A. need not worry about any other calamity.

VASSAR prides itself that no graduate has ever been in a divorce court. This shows conclusively that Vassar girls don't have all the fun in this life that they are credited with having.

RUSSIA's ministry of justice has decided to exempt women convicts from flogging. Russia is a little slow, but it may attain at least a seventeenth century civilization yet.

CARLISLE is booked for the treasury portfolio. The treasury department has jurisdiction over the internal revenue machine. John G. will be at home in his new place.

JUST as soon as the French and of the De Lesseps scandal began to droop, the American mongers unheeded as end to it in this country.

IF Mr. Deacon is so extremely anxious for a divorce, why doesn't he move to Sioux Falls?

FATHER FOREMAN is out of politics for good. There is nothing like yielding gracefully.

AMUSEMENT NOTES.
 One of the proprietors of "The West-End" company removed a dog from the stage after he had passed over the aisle. The dog is one of the situations in the company.

Three more performances of "Under the Lion's Paw" in the Grand this week. The lions are very good actors.

JIM CORBETT will arrive in this city from Jackson on the 1 p. m. train Wednesday.

DAN SULLY in "The Millionaire," tonight, at Powers' Opera House.

MATINEE in Smith's today.

REFLECTS OUR VITALITY.
 J. V. Redpath, business manager of The Youth's Companion, formerly a resident of this city, writes to Prof. Sauerberg the following explanatory letter.

C. G. Sauerberg, Daily Herald, Grand Rapids, Mich.:
 Dear Friend—I am in receipt of your great journalistic enterprise, a fifty-two-page paper. Verily "the world do move," especially that portion containing the city of Grand Rapids. The synopsis of editorials on the city's business interests by representative men was a brilliant idea and admirably carried out. The examination of this paper gives one much knowledge of what Grand Rapids of today is than I have obtained from any and all sources of information since my residence there fifteen years ago. This paper should be, and no doubt is, widely circulated by Grand Rapids business men, not only by those of "fortune fame" but by every name, for a great journal like this reflects on the mind the vigorous vitality of your city of great and varied resources.

Wishing you a happy New Year and the prosperity that your excellent paper deserves, I remain
 Very sincerely yours,
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HADN'T READ IT.
 The reason why we did not speak of the great fifty-two-page Sunday edition of the GRAND RAPIDS HERALD last week was because we hadn't got it read through during the week and saved it up for a Sunday's quiet examination. The HERALD did itself proud, and we congratulate its management on the business enterprise and editorial vigor of the paper.—Potoskey Record.

STATE PRESS GOSSIP.
 There are 250,000 words in the English language, and most of them were used on Sunday by a woman who discovered after coming out of church that her brand new dress was adorned with a tag on which was written, "Price reduced one-half."—Jackson Patriot.

There are 2,000 members of the Young Men's Democrat club of Massachusetts, and reports are that 1,975 of them are candidates for office under the present administration. The remainder, it may be added, have been given good points by Governor Russell.—Adrian Times.

MR. BLAINE has given the American people a good many surprises, but never a more pleasant one than he does in his marvelous display of vitality.—Detroit Free Press.

HENRI WATSON thinks Mr. Cleveland is going to be more of a democrat this time than he ever was before. Republican postmasters please take notice.—Detroit Tribune.

The popular college sport these days is chess, and Columbia, Harvard, Yale and Princeton are now indulging in an intercollegiate contest.—Muskegon News.

HIT AND MISS BRIEVITIES.
 The average cabinet maker gets his structure just as the boy did his fiddle—out of his own head. In the boy's case it will be remembered that he had "wood enough left to make another."—Detroit Free Press.

It will be no use to close New York and other ports against immigration and allow undesirable persons to be smuggled in by way of Canada. That sort of business must be stopped.—New York Recorder.

Kansas may be the sunflower state but it will smell like the stinkweed if Simpson goes up alongside Peffer in its niche in the federal senate.—Chicago Mail.

Hamburg's cholera revival comes in good time to stiffen the backbone of congress for needed immigration and quarantine legislation.—New York Telegram.

The woman who horsewhipped Herr Moet may not intend it, but she struck a blow at the spread of anarchy.—Philadelphia Item.

POINTS ABOUT MEN.
 Another bronze statue, eight feet high, will soon stand in lower Central park, New York city. It is that of Dr. J. Marion Sims, who died in 1883. Dr. Sims had wonderful success in surgery and was honored by various European sovereigns and nations. He rendered to humanity on the battlefield.

In connection with General Trochu's remark that Bismarck might have become a great man had he become a great Prussian, it is recalled that Bismarck's estimate of Trochu was that the general "knew enough to know that he didn't amount to much."

Peru's new minister to the United States, Senor Canavero, is a tall and strikingly handsome, very well off, and a bachelor.

Gen. Patrick A. Collins, now one of Boston's leading lawyers and ablest democrats, began life as a cabinet-maker.

M. Florent very much resembles George F. Hoar as he looked back in the seventies.

Adam Biele is the editor of a paper at Duluth, Minn.

LUCE AND HIS CABAL.
 Mr. Luce's first move in the campaign was to form an alliance with a cabal of millionaires, whose only grievance against Senator Stockbridge was, they could not outdo his course and policy as suited their whims and prejudices. Senator Stockbridge, as many a man has found out, has a mind of his own and a pretty stiff vertebrae, and whims and prejudices count very little with him.

The cabal of men of millions, if Luce should be elected, would assert their ownership of the man and right to dictate his course, because they are furnishing money to Mr. Luce, and calling all their friends into the fight against Senator Stockbridge.

Luce elected senator, we would have the senatorial seat occupied by one absolutely owned and controlled by his political makers, those millionaires who are very far from being in touch and sympathy with the common people.—Adrian Times.

WOMEN NOT FUNNY.
 A writer in the open letter department of the current Century says why in literature there are no lady humorists. He then goes on to answer his question by explaining that from childhood the man finds the saddest dropping out of everything, and so he discovers the worthlessness of much that passes for valuable. Therefore he learns to smile and say "It is not absurd" instead of allowing his passion for something to utter words no growing desire for truth. But, on the other hand, a woman's mind is so much a part of her life that when they are broken she can not keep her tongue from uttering an opinion of common sense. Women may possibly grow satirical, but satire is only a form of humor. "Women's life is a comedy in some way only, or at least, it is."

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